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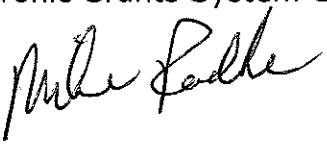
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Educational Agency Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Michigan Electronic Grants System Consolidated Application Main Contacts

FROM: Mike Radke, Ph.D., Director 
Office of Field Services

SUBJECT: Title I, Part A Parent Information Regarding the Michigan Parent Information & Resource Center (PIRC) in Holland, Michigan

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), is required under Title I, Part A, Section 1118(g) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to ensure that Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and schools receiving Title I, Part A funds are aware of the purpose of such centers. The PIRC exists to support and assist LEAs with Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements.

What is a PIRC?

A PIRC is Federally funded under the ESEA with the express purpose of working hand-in-hand with State and Federal programs, such as Title I, Part A, to provide information and resources for early childhood through high school parental involvement.

What Does the PIRC Do?

The purpose of the PIRC is to use Federal funding to help implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs and activities that lead to improvement in student academic achievement. It is intended to strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel in order to meet the educational needs of children. For instance, PIRCs are involved in partnerships with the Parent Teacher Association at the National level, and PIRC representatives have worked to establish the "Parents as Teachers" program, www.pta.org.

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The PIRC also focuses on collaboration with MDE and LEAs to foster the implementation of the parental involvement requirements of Title I, Part A and provide assistance to schools and LEAs to address the parental involvement requirements of Title I, Part A legislation.

Where is the Michigan PIRC Located and Who Should I Contact for More Information?

Contact information for the Michigan PIRC is as follows:

Address: 11172 Adams Street
Holland, MI 49423
Director: Deanna Depree
Phone: 616-396-7566, extension 116
Website: www.lifeservicessystem.org

Additional services can be found throughout the State. The PIRC is only one site, but PIRC funding can be found in many locations with many names. One site is The Guidance Center located in the downriver area of Detroit.

The MDE Office of Field Services encourages each LEA to contact the PIRC as you begin the new school year. They welcome your visit. Let them assist your LEA in determining how the PIRC can provide resources to better enable your LEA to meet the parental involvement requirements of Title I, Part A. More importantly, let PIRC representatives assist your LEA in building that strong partnership and relationship with parents that is key to increasing student academic achievement.